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## Highlights

- 2002 Census of Agriculture
- Cattle on feed • Cold storage • Prices

Did You Know? ••• When you read about agriculture in a newspaper, farm magazine, trade journal, or see a report on television, the facts being quoted are usually from a USDA/NASS survey of farmers and ranchers!

## Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Nov. 2001	U.S. prices Nov. 15 2002 <sup>1/</sup>	Oregon		
			Nov. 2001	Oct. 2002	Nov. 15 2002 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Crops:</b>					
Wheat, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.87	4.23	3.38	*4.26	4.13
Barley, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.30	2.81	2.09	*2.55	2.55
Oats, bu . . . . .	\$ 1.79	1.87	2.22	*2.50	2.40
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton . . . . .	104.00	101.00	120.00	108.00	103.00
Hay, All baled, ton . . . . .	\$ 95.90	93.60	117.00	106.00	103.00
Potatoes, cwt . . . . .	\$ 5.96	6.01	5.60	4.75	5.35
Onions, fresh cwt. . . . .	\$ 7.41	10.90	2/	2/	2/
Sweet corn, fresh cwt . . . . .	\$ 24.80	17.00	2/	2/	2/
Pears, fresh, ton . . . . .	\$ 374.00	442.00	2/	2/	2/
Apples, fresh, lbs . . . . .	\$ .235	.268	2/	2/	2/
Strawberries, fresh lbs. . . . .	\$ .964	1.08	2/	2/	2/
<b>Livestock/products:</b>					
Steers/heifers, cwt. . . . .	\$ 67.80	70.90	78.00	*70.50	72.50
Slaughter cows, cwt . . . . .	\$ 35.80	32.60	36.60	34.50	33.00
Calves, cwt . . . . .	\$ 96.70	90.40	86.50	*79.00	81.00
Lambs, cwt . . . . .	\$ 52.80	—	55.50	72.00	—
Sheep, cwt . . . . .	\$ 27.10	—	27.00	29.50	—
All milk sold to plants, cwt . . . . .	\$ 14.40	11.70	2/	2/	2/
Fat test . . . . . %	3.77	3.79	2/	2/	2/
Eggs, doz . . . . .	\$ .641	.720	2/	2/	2/

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Monthly estimate discontinued January 2000.

\* Revised entire month.

## United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Nov. 1999	Nov. 2000	Nov. 2001	Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002
Broiler feed	7.8	7.4	8.1	4.6	4.7
Hog-corn	19.6	19.8	18.9	*13.1	11.9
Milk feed	3.87	3.07	3.29	*2.47	2.39

\* Revised.

## Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14 = 100		1990-92 = 100		
	Nov. 2001	Nov. 2002	Nov. 2001	Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002
All farm products	825	819	142	121	141
All crops	848	856	151	131	152
Livestock & prod.	714	646	98	85	88

## United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14 = 100		1990-92 = 100		
	Nov. 2001	Nov. 2002	Nov. 2001	Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002
Prices rcvd	593	618	93	96	97
Prices paid <sup>1/</sup>	1,142	1,175	122	125	126
Ratio <sup>2/</sup>	52	53	76	77	77

<sup>1/</sup> Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

<sup>2/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14 = 100 Base is the parity ratio.

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These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month.

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## Cold storage holdings for selected commodities, October 31, 2002

Commodity	Pacific Region <sup>1/</sup>			United States		
	Oct 31, 2001	Oct 31, 2002	2002/2001	Oct 31, 2001	Oct 31, 2002	2002/2001
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Frozen foods:						
Blueberries	31,330	23,014	73	120,955	110,928	92
Raspberries, red	51,159	58,342	114	54,457	62,062	114
Strawberries	265,976	287,690	108	299,598	326,297	109
Total berries	348,465	369,046	106	475,010	499,287	105
Frozen vegetables:						
Green beans						
Regular cut	96,914	94,189	97	188,387	204,046	108
French cut	11,270	11,022	98	27,755	28,272	102
Corn, cut	241,586	297,911	123	409,944	462,394	113
cob	161,787	197,812	122	289,305	307,876	106
Green peas	149,415	128,255	86	276,547	254,331	92
Total vegetables	660,972	729,189	110	1,191,938	1,256,919	105
Potatoes:						
French fries	524,160	475,745	91	1,105,469	987,434	89
Other frozen	104,869	114,222	109	233,072	258,859	111
Fresh fruits:						
Apples <sup>2/</sup>	3,898,827	4,157,769	107	5,564,362	5,229,637	94
Pears <sup>3/</sup>	--	--	--	517,124	480,148	93

<sup>1/</sup> Oregon, Washington and California.

<sup>2/</sup> In regular and controlled atmosphere storage.

<sup>3/</sup> Regional totals not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## U.S. cattle on feed down 9 percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on November 1, 2002. The inventory was 9 percent below both November 1, 2001, and November 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 12 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.30 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 809,000, 600-699 pounds were 638,000, 700-799 pounds were 521,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 and 3 percent above 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 84,000 during October, 24 percent above 2001 and 27 percent above 2000.

### Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots United States, November 1, 2001-2002

Item	Number		2002 2001
	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On feed October 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,125	10,416	94
Placed on feed during October	2,702	2,388	88
Fed cattle marketed during October	1,896	1,979	104
Other disappearance during October <sup>2/</sup>	68	84	124
On feed November 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,863	10,741	91

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade Select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMING DECEMBER 16, 2002  
THE  
2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE  
GET COUNTED

Farm and ranch operators in Oregon, and across America, are about to participate in the Nation's largest, most detailed statistical portrait of U.S. agriculture – the 2002 Census of Agriculture. Conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) every five years, the Census provides a comprehensive portrait of agriculture at the county, State and national levels, and is the only source of detailed demographic data on the farm population.

"Farmers and ranchers will receive the 2002 Census of Agriculture forms in late December to collect data for the 2002 calendar year." "Factual information is critical for use in farm program development and implementation, and for many other purposes which directly impact the agricultural community. **It is important for Oregon producers to return their completed forms by February 3, 2003**, as we want to make sure that Oregon agriculture is accurately represented in the final Census results."

Data provided by individual farmers and ranchers are held strictly confidential by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). Statistical results are totaled and published only in geographical summaries to prevent identification of individual operations.

New questions added for the 2002 Census will collect information on multiple operators per farm, production contracts, certified organic acreage, grain storage capacity, computer and Internet use, and the number of bison, deer, elk, llamas, emus, and ostriches. Other questions will be similar to those asked in previous censuses and will focus on key information such as acreage and land use, operator characteristics, crop and livestock production, and agricultural product sales.

Twenty percent of operators will also be asked about production expenses, fertilizers and chemicals, machinery and equipment, market value of land and buildings, and farm labor. Report forms are tailored by region to make them less burdensome and more relevant to respondents in different parts of the country.

A farm, for Census purposes, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold or normally would have been sold during the Census year. Because a key strength of the Census is providing detailed facts about all farms, **every response counts – whether from a large or very small operation**. By responding completely and accurately, farmers and ranchers can make the 2002 Census of Agriculture an effective tool to help chart the future of their industry.

To find results from the 1997 Census of Agriculture, plus a wealth of current statistics on agriculture, visit [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/). Results from the 2002 Census of Agriculture will be released on Feb. 3, 2004.

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## Census Dates:

December 16, 2002

Over 3.2 million Report Forms will be mailed across the country. More than 51,000 will be destined for Oregon farmers and ranchers, requesting a reply by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

February & March 2003

Anyone who did not reply in time to meet the February 3<sup>rd</sup> due date will be contacted by phone or in person.

February 3, 2004

Final results for the 2002 Agricultural Census published.

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